

ELECTRICAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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FEBRUARY 22, 2013

The Regular Meeting of February 22, 2013 was called to order by Chairman Laurence A. Vallieres at 8:41 AM in Room 126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: Laurence A. Vallieres, Contractor, Chairman
Ronald Bish, Contractor
Faith Gavin-Kuhn, Public Member
Frank Halloran, Journeyman
Anthony Soter, Journeyman
John W. Yusza, Electronic Technician

Members Absent: Sandy Marino, Public Member
David Munsill, Journeyman

Member Vacancy: Four (Journeyman (Union), Contractor (non-Union), & Two Public Members)

DCP Staff Present: Robert M. Kuzmich, RA,
License and Applications Specialist
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director

Others Present: Keri Lamontagne, Connecticut Department of labor
Vinnie Valente, Connecticut Department of Labor

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions, and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information, contact Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, at (860) 713-6135 or Fax (860)-706-1255.

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David Montour, A & M Electric
Matt Meadow, White Electric
Alexandre Estevam, Driscoll Electric
Steve Osuch, Connecticut Light & Power
Bjorn Londo, Connecticut Light & Power
Josh Smith, Axxess Tech
Matt Ripley, ELM Electric
Robert Woytowich
Delvin Leonardo, Parabit Systems

1. 8:30 AM call to order. (Reminder to everyone to place their cell phones on silent”).

Mr. Vallieres called the meeting to order at 8:41 AM.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A. Review minutes of meetings of *January 11, 2013*.

After a thorough review by all of these documents, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as written. (Soter/Bish)

3. Report from Trade Practice Division: for review by the Board.

The Board reviewed this report in detail noting that most of the complaints are pertaining to electrical continuing education issues. The Board thanked the Department for this documentation.

4. Appearing before the Board at the Board’s Request; no one scheduled before the Board today.

5. Request to Appear before the Board;

(A) Mr. Michael L. Jacobson, President, Grason Software & Systems, Inc. regarding his request for Assistance Concerning Licensing Requirements and Follow-Up Questions; for discussion by the Board.

1. Letter from Mr. Michael L. Jacobson dated January 4, 2013.

2. Letter from Mr. Michael L. Jacobson dated January 22, 2013.

3. E-Mail from Mr. Richard M. Hurlburt dated January 11, 2013.

Mr. Vallieres noted that he has seen most of the correspondence from Mr. Jacobsen and he believes most if not all of his questions have been answered based on

correspondence he seen from Mr. Hurlburt. Mr. Vallieres noted that he told Mr. Hurlburt that if Mr. Jacobson's questions have been satisfactorily answered, there is no need for him to come before the Board only to get the same answers he received already. Mr. Vallieres assumes that since Mr. Jacobson is not present today, then his questions have been answered.

(B) Mr. Steven Osuch from Northeast Utilities concerning the challenges Northeast Utilities is facing with the GenerLink Program; for discussion by the Board. Mr. Osuch noted that the electricians are facing the biggest challenges. He noted that he has previously spoken with Mr. Bish and Mr. Vallieres about this situation and issues they have encountered. Mr. Osuch noted the problem is really with the Building Officials in the State. Some have been receptive to the program while others have not which is where the problem lies. He has corresponded, in writing, to their local association and has not received a response. Mr. Osuch has made in-person presentations on this program to local Building Officials and did not receive the type of questions, in response, that he expected. He believes that the correspondence that Northeast Utilities has sent to Building Officials does not carry much weight with them. Mr. Osuch noted several Towns and Cities where the Building Officials have not returned his calls. Others have not been receptive to a presentation by Mr. Osuch on the product.

As such, it was suggested to Mr. Osuch by Mr. Bish that perhaps the Board could issue a written notice about this device explaining the Board's position on this matter. In review, Mr. Vallieres read aloud from their past meeting minutes the Board's position on the presentation made to them by Northeast Utilities. After more detailed discussion, it was decided by the Board to have their Chairman; Mr. Vallieres, write a letter to the Office of the State building Official reiterating the Board's position on this matter. Mr. Vallieres requested the assistance of both Mr. Osuch and Mr. Benedetto from Northeast Utilities in the preparation of this letter. (Halloran/Soter)

6. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today; no one scheduled before the Board today. In addition, there were additional requests from anyone present at today's meeting.

7. Review of Applications(s) for Licensure Examination: applicant(s) appearing in person.

Mr. Vallieres advised all in attendance at today's meeting of the Board general rules and guidelines as they apply to applicants appearing before them for consideration to sit for their respective license examinations. He made reference to the document sent to all applicants by the Department which details specific information the Board is expecting from the applicants in support of their equivalent experience and training in addition to other more general information.

In addition, Mr. Vallieres also made reference to the Boards Outline for Journeypersons which gives the specific hours for related classroom instruction including course curriculums and the required on-the-job training hours for each license type.

In recognition to possible time constraints of their legal representation, Chairman Vallieres asked the Board to move candidate applications for Valrid D. Durrant and Steve M. Harnett first. The Board voted to adjust the agenda in accordance. Attorney Jay Malcynsky represented applicants Valrid D. Durrant and Steve M. Harnett and addressed the Board regarding their applications. Mr. Malcynsky represents Tyco Integrated services as well as the candidates. He gave the Board the candidates detailed employment histories with Tyco and also noted that the applications were originally scheduled to go before the Board on July 13, 2012 however they did not appear at that time because the issue of their enrollment in a possible apprenticeship program had not been settled yet.

Attorney Malcynsky met with the Department of Labor regarding enrolling the employees in a qualified employment program only to find out from them that the employees were overqualified and could not be registered as apprentices by virtue of their accrued on-the- job hours. It was then suggested that the applicants contact the Department of Consumer Protection for further direction.

Mr. Vallieres and other members of the Board now addressed the related classroom instruction component of the candidate's applications. Their work experience spans between seven and nine years and covering work performed almost exclusively in Connecticut. By his own admission, Mr. Malcynsky admits that the company could have been more diligent in pursuing their employee's license applications however he stressed that this was not a deliberate attempt on the company's part to avoid doing the right thing. Ms. Gavin Kuhn agreed and stated to the Board that she believes the company is being pro-active to make both their company and their employees in compliance with the law.

After more extensive discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve both Valrid D. Durrant (Bish/Yusza) and Steve M. Harnett (Soter/Halloran) for the L-6 license examinations. Motions for each are as noted above.

(1) **Ayoro, Efe** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Ayoro was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.

(2) **Durrant, Valrid D.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Applicant was originally listed on the Board's July 13, 2012 Agenda. See discussion for this application above.

- (3) **Estevam, Alexandre** – E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Applicant was originally listed on the Board’s January 11, 2013 Agenda. The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of a detailed breakdown of his related classroom instruction courses and other official notarized related documentation. (Soter/Yusza)
- (4) **Hartnett, Steve M.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Applicant was originally listed on the Board’s July 13, 2012 Agenda. See discussion for this application above.
- (5) **Leonardo, Delvin** – L-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Applicant was originally scheduled to appear before the Board on June 8, 2012. The Board voted unanimously to table his application pending receipt of a detailed breakdown of his related classroom instruction courses and official notarized transcripts. (Soter/Yusza)
- (6) **McDuffie, R. Todd.** – E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Department received an e-mail request from this applicant to reschedule his appearance before the Board. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.
- (7) **Montour, David P.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. At the suggestion of the Board, Mr. Montour changed his application type to an E-2 Unlimited Journeyperson type. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Halloran/Yusza)
- (8) **Meadow, Matt D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Halloran/Gavin Kuhn)
- (9) **Meadows, Michael J.** – L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Department received an e-mail request from this applicant to reschedule his appearance before the Board. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.
- (10) **Ripley, Matthew L.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Gavin Kuhn/Bish)
- (11) **Smith, Joshua D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Soter reviewed in detail the applicant’s work history. In the course of the review, Mr. Smith noted that he worked for Priority Electric from 2005 to 2006 having never been registered by them with the Department of Labor; Office Apprenticeship Training, even after asking time and time again, which is why he left

their employment. The application includes information regarding the applicant's felony conviction which was processed by the Department of Consumer Protection through the required CHRO procedures and found to have no bearing on his license application. The Board discussed this portion of the application in detail.

After more detailed discussion by all Board regarding the applicant's on-the-job training and related classroom instruction, it was decided to approve Mr. Smith's application to test for the E-2 Electrical Unlimited Journeyman's License.
(Soter/Gavin Kuhn)

Mr. Soter made a motion to have a representative from Priority Electric to appear before the Board at a future meeting to discuss the employment history of their former employee Joshua D. Smith. (Soter/Yusza)

7A. First Review of Application(s) for Licensure Examination - Applicants Not Appearing before Board.

With Apprenticeship Completion Letters:

Mr. Vallieres requested that the Westchester-Fairfield Joint Electrical Apprenticeship Committee, New York City Chapter, Westchester-Fairfield Section, N.E.C.A. International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 3 be contacted in writing by the Department on behalf of this Board. The Board is requesting that their Official Apprenticeship Completion Letters, sent in support of their member's applications for electrical licenses in Connecticut, contain original signatures and raised seals to assure their authenticity to the Board.

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the applicants listed below (including additions) to sit for their respective examinations on the basis of a Certified Apprenticeship Completion Letter from the Connecticut Department of Labor or other Board-Approved Agency. (Soter/Gavin Kuhn)

(1) **Baldwin, John U.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(2) **Baral, Joseph T.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(3) **Berlandy, Peter** - T-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(4) **Bilischko, Jr., Michael P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

- (5) **Bowman, III, William E.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (6) **Calderon, Arthur** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (7) **Caradonna, Joseph F.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (8) **Cardona, Ruben C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (9) **Correll, Joel** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (10) **Crapo, Peter A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (11) **D'Annunzio, Chris** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (12) **Da Silva, Antonio M.** - T-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (13) **DeAguiar, Jose Fernando C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (14) **DeCava, James M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (15) **DeJesus, Jr., Luis** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (16) **Devoe, Dexter S.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (17) **Dinsmoor, Jr., Nicholas J.** - T-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (18) **Faraone, Matthew T.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.

- (19) **Ferraz, Claudio G.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (20) **Forbes, Dwight O.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (21) **Gilliam, Aaron W.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (22) **Green, Jesse** - C-62 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (23) **Gromotskie, IV, John** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (24) **Haffenden, Lamar I.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (25) **Harrigan, Kevin C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (26) **Hill, David C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (27) **Hudson, David M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (28) **Hurd, Kevin J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (29) **Konecky, Nicholas O.** - T-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (30) **Kuba, Eric P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (31) **Kurtz, Stephen** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

- (32) **Loveland, Kyle T.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (33) **Luhrs, Warren C.** - L-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (34) **Lynady, Michael Z.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (35) **Mariani, Alexander P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (36) **Marmitt, Jared A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (37) **Matias, Delia A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (38) **Mena, Paul** - C-6 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (39) **Montacer, Jalloul** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (40) **Murphy, Andrew D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship sponsored by Local Union #3 of the I.B.E.W. in conjunction with the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of N.E.C.A.
- (41) **Nessing, Jeffrey W.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (42) **Osorio, Joseph M.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (43) **Passaro, Carl A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (44) **Perille, Jr., Ronald S.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.
- (45) **Perez, Angel L.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(46) **Pirotta, William P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(47) **Rayhall, Jr., David S.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(48) **Ribeiro, Andrew D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(49) **Rooney, Jr., William P.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

(50) **Walsh, Brian T.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of Certified Apprenticeship Completion w/Letter.

On The Basis of Equivalent Experience and Training:

The Board voted, unanimously, to require the applicants listed below (including additions) to appear before the Board at their March 8, 2013 Regular Meeting for review of their applications to test for their respective license types. Mr. Kuzmich will mail back their original applications in addition to Board Meeting Date information and information regarding education and on-the-job training for Journey person license types. (Soter/Yusza)

(1) **Alvarado, Adrian** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(2) **August, Donald J.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(3) **Chianese, Dominic L.** - L-5 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(4) **DiFrancisca, Russell J.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(5) **Fullam, Edward C.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(6) **Handler, Darren** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(7) **Long, Thomas D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Soter/Bish)

(8) **Jackson, Shane T.** - E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(9) **Marchetti, Louis A.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Soter/Bish)

(10) **Philhower, Jason W.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(11) **Ramzi, Younes**- E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(12) **Santarelli, Alberto**- E-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(13) **Snow, Brian D.** - E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(14) **Wallander, Mark D.**- E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(15) **Wemyss, Thomas C.** - PV-1 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(16) **Wilson, Robert E.**- E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

(17) **Woody, Jason M.**- E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training. The Board voted unanimously to approve his application. (Soter/Bish)

(18) **Zenunllari, Oliver**- E-2 applicant seeking approval on the basis of equivalent experience and training.

8. Applicant(s) for Licensure reappearing in-person;

(1) **Lanning, Johnny E.** – E-2 license holder seeking the Boards consideration to waive the required two year time period to hold the E-2 Unlimited Journeyperson’s License to sit for the E-1 Unlimited Contractor’s License Examination on the basis of a business hardship. Mr. Lanning passed the E-2 Examination on June 6, 2012; for discussion by the Board. Mr. Lanning was not present at today’s meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.

9. Request for Renewal of License; none before the Board today.

10. Request for Reinstatement; none before the Board today.

11. Request for Reconsideration; none before the Board today.

12. Request to Suspend; none before the Board today.

13. Proposed Settlements and/or Stipulations Containing Consent Orders; none before the Board today.

Settlements Agreements:

Stipulation Agreements:

14. Notice of Continuance; none before the Board today.

15. Request to Dismiss or Request to Dismiss Without Prejudice; none before the Board today.

16. Request to Revise; none before the Board today.

17. Request to Reopen; none before the Board today.

18. Review of Examination Results; none before the Board today.

Electrical:

TV & Radio:

19. Review of Correspondence:

(A) Evaluation Forms For Continuing Education Course; for the Board's review and information. The Board acknowledged this correspondence and thanked the Department for the same. Board Members conducted a thorough review of the evaluation reports from the licensees.

(B) Proposed Bill No. 5611; An Act Repealing The Federal, State Or Municipal Agency Employee License Exemption For Certain Trades; for the Board's review and information. Ms. Gavin Kuhn knows the origin of this Bill and noted the individual who introduced the legislation is Representative Mr. Timothy Ackert from Coventry and is an electrician by trade. The Board unanimously supports this proposed Bill.

(C) Proposed Bill No. 6168; An Act Concerning Occupational Licensing For Veterans; for the Board's review and information. Mr. Vallieres explained the nature of this Bill to the Board Members which assists veterans in obtaining employment by streamlining the occupational licensing process for veterans who return from service in the armed forces with particular skill and experience that correlates to that which is necessary to obtain certain state occupational licenses. The Board unanimously supports this Bill.

20. Old Business:

21. New Business:

1. Ms. Gavin Kuhn made the Board aware of a proposed Bill 324 introduced by Senator Markley to provide relief to individuals and small businesses by eliminating unnecessary regulatory burdens. Ms. Gavin Kuhn noted that most comments heard in reaction to this Bill to date reflect concern that this may compromise consumer safety and to increase and not decrease enforcement.

2. Mr. Vallieres updated the Board on several Proposed Bills:

Senate Bill 772; to provide a three-year grace period for certain occupational license holders who have failed to renew their licenses. Mr. Vallieres would prefer 2 years and the requirement that the Board be made aware of the individual's circumstances.

House Bill 6168; to assist veterans in obtaining employment by streamlining the occupational licensing process for veterans who return from service in the armed forces with particular skill and experience that correlates to that which is necessary to obtain certain state occupational licenses.

House Bill 6301; to require prompt revision of the State Building Code with respect to updates to nationally recognized electrical standards.

House Bill 5749; to allow the state and municipalities to save resources by providing for a more consistent State Building Code that still maintains national building standards.

House Bill 5387; to determine which training and experience obtained by veterans during their service in the armed forces equates to the training or experience necessary to obtain certain state licenses.

House Bill 5233; to increase the training and employment opportunities for apprentices by allowing contractors to employ one apprentice for every licensed contractor or journeyman that the contractor employs. The Board does not support this proposed Bill.

22. Continuation of Formal Administrative Hearings; none before the Board today.

23. Matters Previously Heard Pending Decision; none before the Board today.

24. Final Decisions Pending Signature; none before the Board today.

25. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM. (Vallieres) The next Regular Meeting of the Electrical Work Examining Board is scheduled for Friday, March 8, 2013 at 8:30 AM; State Office Building; Room 126; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
License and Applications Specialist